

DETAILED ACTION

1. This allowance is in response to the amendment filed on: 01/04/2011, and the interview on: 03/10/2011.
2. Claims 1-8, 11-14, 17-20, 22-24, and 27-29 are cancelled. Claims 9, 10, 15, 16, 21, 25, and 26 are pending.
3. The objections to claims 5 and 6 due to informalities are withdrawn in view of applicant's remarks submitted on 01/04/2011.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given by Mollie Smith on March 11, 2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

Replace the entire claim 9 with the following:

9. A method of displaying clips comprising the steps of:
receiving a first display region that is an extracted portion of a first document, wherein the first display region is visibly designated by a first resizable bounding box within the first document, and wherein the first

display region includes an image of an annotation and related content encompassed by the first resizable bounding box within the first document;

receiving a second display region that is an extracted portion of a second document, wherein the second display region is visibly designated by a second resizable bounding box within the second document, and wherein the second display region includes an image of an annotation and related content encompassed by the second resizable bounding box within the second document;

combining said first display region and said second display region into a single clip to form a combination of the extracted portions of the first document and the second document;

filtering said single clip;

rendering a resultant image having said clips, wherein one of said clips is the single clip having the filtered combination of the extracted portions of the first document and the second document, and wherein said resultant image includes the images of the annotations and related content encompassed by said first resizable bounding box and said second resizable bounding box; and

displaying the clips including the single clip having the filtered combination of the extracted portions of the first document and the second document.

Replace the entire claim 10 with the following:

10. The method according to claim 9, further comprising the step of:
storing said single clip as said combination of said at least two display regions.

Replace the entire claim 15 with the following:

15. A computer-readable medium having a program stored thereon, said program for displaying clips and comprising the steps of:

receiving at least two display regions of one or more documents wherein each display region includes an image of an annotation and related content encompassed by that display region within the one or more documents, the at least two display regions being extracted from non-contiguous portions of the one or more documents;

combining said at least two display regions to form a single clip consisting of noncontiguous portions of the one or more documents;

filtering said single clip of said at least two display regions using specified filtering criteria, said filtering including performing handwriting recognition on annotations in order to search recognized text and determine whether annotations contain text that meets the specified filtering criteria;

rendering a resultant image having said clips, wherein at least one of said clips is the single clip having the filtered combination of said at least two display regions, and wherein said resultant image includes the images of the annotations and related content encompassed by said at least two display regions; and

displaying the clips including the single clip having the filtered combination of said at least two display regions.

Replace the entire claim 16 with the following:

16. The computer readable medium according to claim 15, further comprising the step of storing said single clip as a combination of said at least two annotations and related content.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 9, 10, 15, 16, 21, 25, and 26 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to the independent claims 9 and 15, they now include language clarifying that the combination of display regions are not just a logical grouping, but rather the display regions are combined into a single clip. This clarification helps differentiate the applicant's invention from the current cited art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to WILSON TSUI whose telephone number is (571)272-7596. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong can be reached on (571) 272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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